



Rebuild Iowa Office

Governor Chet Culver
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Lt. General Ron Dardis, RIO Executive Director

Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission

The Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC) is a 15-member non-partisan Commission, appointed by the Governor of Iowa. The RIAC was established in the same Executive Order that established the RIO ([June 27, 2008, Executive Order 7](#)). The Members of the RIAC assist the RIO, and through them the Governor, in providing the vision, creativity, and leadership to identify, prioritize, and address the short- and long-term issues of recovery. Members of the Commission served as Task Force Chairs for the nine RIO Recovery Task Forces, helping to facilitate dialogue on complex recovery issues and make recommendations on focused issue areas.

RIAC Members

Lt. General Ron Dardis, Commission Chair

Lt. General Ron Dardis is the Executive Director of the Rebuild Iowa Office and former Adjutant General for the Iowa National Guard, Johnston, Iowa.

Gary Anderson (R) – Appanoose County Sheriff; President of the Iowa State Association of Counties.

Bill Bywater (R)– Iowa City; President, Economy Advertising/TruArt Color Graphics. Chair of the [Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Task Force](#).

Jim Davis (D) – Charles City; owner, Iowa Title in Charles City; member, State Small Business Advisory Council. Co-Chair of the [Housing Task Force](#).

Michael Earley (D) – Des Moines; President and Chief Executive Officer, Bankers Trust. Co-Chair of the [Economic Development and Workforce Task Force](#).

Bill Gerhard (D) – Iowa City, President, Iowa State Building and Construction Trades Council. Co-Chair of the [Economic Development and Workforce Task Force](#).

Karris Golden (I) – Waterloo, Executive Editor, W&A Publishing; member, Generation Iowa Commission. Chair of the [Records Retention and Cultural Heritage Task Force](#).

Brent Halling (D) – Perry, Deputy Secretary of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, 1999 to 2007, grain and livestock family farmer. Chair of the [Agriculture and Environment Task Force](#).

Tim Hurley (R) – Waterloo, Mayor; President of the League of Cities.

Linda Larkin (D) – Fort Madison, Vice President of Operations, Agemark Assisted Living. Chair of the [Public Health and Health Care Task Force](#).

Nitza Lopez-Castillo (D) – Columbus Junction, Louisa County, Assistant Marketing Director for Columbus Junction. Co-Chair of the [Housing Task Force](#).

Carroll Reasoner (R) – Cedar Rapids, attorney for Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P. L. C.; former President, U of I Foundation; longtime Cedar Rapids civic leader. Co-Chair of the [Long-term Recovery Planning Task Force](#).

Amy Truax (R) – Parkersburg, co-owner of a family-operated insurance agency. Co-Chair of the [Long-term Recovery Planning Task Force](#).

Mark Wandro (D) – Des Moines, Executive Vice President for Snyder and Associates in Ankeny, previously served as director of the Iowa Department of Transportation from 1999 to 2005. Co-Chair of the [Infrastructure and Transportation Task Force](#).

Beverly Wharton (I) – Sioux City, President of Briar Cliff University. Co-Chair of the [Education Task Force](#).

Ex Officio Members

Jim Fausett (D) – Coralville; Past President, Iowa League of Cities; Mayor of Coralville since 1996. Co-Chair of the [Education Task Force](#).

Mike King (R) – Creston, Past President, Iowa State Association of Counties; chair, Union County Board of Supervisors. Co-Chair of the [Infrastructure and Transportation Task Force](#).